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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PLACING LOOSE SHEET PRODUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper accompanies documents submitted to establish the U.S. national stage of the above-identified international patent application.

The claims were not amended during the international phase. Before calculation of the filing fee and before examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend line 1 on page 7 to read as follows:

--What is Claimed is:--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the original as-filed claims to read as shown on the appended APPENDIX OF CLAIMS, which includes amended and non-amended claims. Also appended hereto an APPENDIX OF MARKED UP CLAIMS showing the changes which have been made.

REMARKS

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